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(57) ABSTRACT

Apparatus for continuously conveying and pre-heating a metal charge inside a container of a melting plant, includes at least a channel for conveying the metal charge, at least a hood disposed above the conveyor channel defining a tunnel and/or an expansion chamber, inside which at least part of the fumes exiting from the container advance, and apertures made in cooperation with lateral walls of the conveyor channel to discharge the fumes. The conveyor channel includes an activator that divert the fumes and/or delimit the zone occupied by the metal charge of the conveyor channel, and that cooperate longitudinally with at least part of the conveyor channel.

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